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SUBJECT: AMIN'S LETTER TO PRESIDENT KENYATTA

REF: NAIROBI 7641

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF JULY 20 LETTER FROM FIELD MARSHAL AMIN TO PRESIDENT KENYATTA AS GIVEN AMBASSADOR BY MOFA PERMSEC KIBINGE JULY 22.

2. BEGIN TEXT

YOUR EXCELLENCY AND DEAR BROTHER:

I AM SENDING THIS TELEGRAM TO YOU IN THE SPIRIT OF BROTHERHOOD AND GOOD NEIGHBOURLINESS. I KNOW THAT IN ANY SOCIETY AND IN HUMAN NATURE MEMBERS OF THE SAME FAMILY CAN QUARREL BUT SUCH QUARRELS CAN ALWAYS BE SETTLED THROUGH UNDERSTANDING AND THE DESIRE FOR US AS LEADERS NOT TO CAUSE ANY SUFFERING TO OUR PEOPLES. I NOW CONSIDER WHATEVER HAPPENED IN THE PAST WEEKS SINCE THE ISRAELI INVASION AS HISTORY TO BE FORGOTTEN COMPLETELY.

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3. I WISH TO REQUEST YOUR EXCELLENCY AND DEAR BROTHER THAT WE FORGET OUR DIFFERENCES AND TO ASSURE YOU THAT FROM NOW ON YOU WILL NOT HEAR ANY PROPAGANDA AGAINST YOU AND YOUR GOVERNMENT FROM UGANDA.

4. I HAVE STATED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS PUBLICLY THAT THE PEOPLE OF UGANDA AND KENYA HAVE BLOOD RELATIONS AND WE IN UGANDA CANNOT POSSIBLY CROSS EVEN AN INCH INTO KENYA AND CAUSE HARM TO OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS. WE HAVE KNOWN EACH OTHER FOR A LONG TIME NOT ONLY FROM THE TIME I BECAME PRESIDENT BUT WE KNEW EACH OTHER SINCE THOSE VERY DIFFICULT MAU MAU DAYS. THEREFORE, WHATEVER MISUNDERSTANDINGS HAVE CROPPED UP BETWEEN OUR TWO SISTER STATES, WE SHOULD NOT FORGET THE TRUE BROTHERLY RELATION BETWEEN YOU AND ME AND BETWEEN OUR TWO SISTER STATES AND THE PEOPLE OF UGANDA AND KENYA GENERALLY. FROM NOW ON OUR AIMS SHOULD NOT BE DIVERTED FROM THE SERVICE OF OUR PEOPLE IN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND THE TOTAL LIBERATION OF AFRICA FROM THE HANDS OF COLONIALISTS AND IMPERIALISTS.

5. I WISH TO REITERATE THAT I STRONGLY BELIEVE IN THE PROPER FUNCTIONING AND CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY AND ALL THE COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS AND I FURTHER BELIEVE THAT WE MEMBERS OF THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY CAN SOLVE OUR PROBLEMS, AFFECTING OUR REGION, PEACEFULLY WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE TREATY FOR THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY OR THE OAU THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT AND INDEED THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANISATION TO WHICH BOTH OUR COUNTRIES ARE MEMBERS.

6. PLEASE ACCEPT, YOUR EXCELLENCY AND DEAR BROTHER, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION AND ESTEEM.
AL-HAJJI FIELD MARSHAL DR. IDI AMIN DADA, VC DSO MC
LIFE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA.
END TEXT.
MARSHALL
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